

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

With entry of the amendments provided herein, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 27, 32, 36, 37, 51, 53, 55, 57, 60-62, 64, 66, 73, and 81-84 are pending. Applicants have canceled claims 3, 6, 10-26, 28-31, 33-35, 38-50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 59, 63, 65, 67-72, and 74-79 without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 81-84 are withdrawn from consideration, as drawn to non-elected subject matter. Claims 4 and 7 are amended to correct dependency. Accordingly, no new matter is added by the amendments provided herein.

II. Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, the Examiner requires that the claims be restricted to one of the following three groups:

- Group I - Claims 1-75 and 79, drawn to cosmetic composition and a method for manufacturing a cosmetic composition;
- Group II - Claim 76, drawn to method for washing or caring for a keratin material;
- Group III - Claims 77-78 and 80-84, drawn to method for treating keratin material, which can be method for giving hair texture, or a method for giving hair lightness or a method for giving hair softness or a method for giving hair a smooth feel or a method for giving hair suppleness.

Office Action at 2.

In response to this requirement, Applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, claims 1-75 and 79.

III. Election of Species Requirement

The Examiner further requires two elections of species. See Office Action at pages 2-7. Specifically, the Examiner requires identification of a single species: (1) of a solid mineral particle, and (2) of a polymer chosen from cationic and amphoteric polymers.

Applicants elect (1) calcium carbonate as the single species of solid mineral particle, and (2) polyethyleneimine as the single species of polymer chosen from cationic and amphoteric polymers.

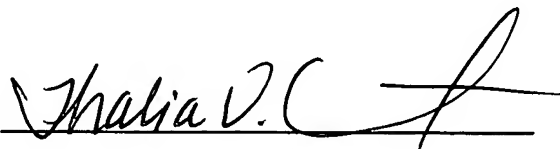
Applicants expect the Examiner, if the elected species are found allowable, to continue to examine the full scope of the subject matter to the extent necessary to determine the patentability thereof, as is the duty according to 35 U.S.C. § 121 and M.P.E.P. § 803.2.

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